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## Ex-CIA Official Says Agency Should Drop Covert Jobs

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A former deputy director of the CIA says his old spy agency should be stripped of covert operations and turned into a relatively open research institute.

Dr. Ray S. Cline said he still favored limited clandestine operations by the United States, but they should be hidden in other parts of the federal government.

CIA headquarters, he said, should be purged of its "dirty tricks" reputation by becoming the benign Central Institute of Foreign Affairs Research.

"The Central Intelligence Agency, the famous acronym which has become a worldwide public relations liability, would cease to exist," he said.

Cline, educated at Harvard and Oxford, made the proposals in a memoir of his two decades of service with the CIA, "Secrets, Spies and Scholars."

Cline outlined a bold reorganization of the U.S. intelligence community which would allow CIFAR to assign intelligence tasks to intelligence units of the departments of state, defense, treasury, commerce and agriculture intelligence units.

This reorganized intelligence apparatus, he said, should be monitored by a special committee of the House, as well as of the Senate. So far, only the Senate has such a panel.

Clandestine operations, he said, should be controlled by a small professional staff within the White House.

"These covert operations should not be too frequent nor too large," he said. "The operations themselves should be carried out by specifically trained personnel assigned to Clandestine Services or members of the Clandestine Services Staff.

"The heart of these additional steps to put our intelligence on a sound footing is to change the popular image of intelligence by demonstrating that most of the work is neither illegal nor immoral.

"Thus, CIFAR should replace CIA at the Langley Headquarters Building, which could then be more open to scholars and journalists interested in consultation and substantive research findings."

Cline said any future intelligence director should be a cabinet member standing above CIFAR, taking orders from the president and the National Security Council. He should have direct access to the chief executive, he said.

The deputy director for intelligence in 1962-1966, Cline departed from CIA Director George Bush's reluctance to publish the CIA annual budget which he said runs \$4 billion a year because "the marginal value of this information over and above what Soviet and other spies can now get is so small that it is less important than the gain in congressional and public confidence in the accountability of our intelligence system."